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William Murphy, Mayor  
Village of Saugerties  
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Dear Mayor Murphy:

This is in response to your January 11, 2012 request, on behalf of the Village of Saugerties, for a Categorical Exclusion (CATEX) from substantive environmental review requirements, pursuant to 40 CFR Part 6, for your proposed sanitary collector sewer rehabilitation project. The project may be partially funded through a federal Special Appropriation Act grant.

The Village's original sanitary sewer system was installed prior to 1905. It is still in service but some areas are in need of immediate improvement to their structural integrity and functionality. Replacing or repairing deficient sections of pipe via conventional construction methods involving digging is, however, considered to be prohibitively expensive or is otherwise impractical due to the depth of the pipe and/or the need to disturb large areas of ground surface above the existing pipes.

Consequently, pursuant to the recommendations of the study prepared by the Village's professional engineer, the sanitary sewers which require immediate rehabilitation would have cured-in-place pipe linings installed. This relatively new method of pipe rehabilitation is trenchless and requires very little ground-disturbing activity. The proposed project would rehabilitate approximately 7,500 linear feet of existing sanitary collector sewer mains, ranging from eight to eighteen inches in diameter, via installation of the cured-in-place pipe linings.

The project meets the CATEX eligibility criteria found in 6.204(a)(1)(ii). This category includes "actions relating to existing infrastructure systems (such as sewer systems, drinking water supply systems, and stormwater systems, including combined sewer overflow systems) that involve minor upgrading, or minor expansion of system capacity or rehabilitation (including functional replacement) of the existing system and system components (such as the sewer collection network and treatment system; the system to collect, treat, store and distribute drinking water; and stormwater systems, including combined sewer overflow systems) or construction of new minor ancillary facilities adjacent to or on the same property as existing facilities."

This project does not involve a new or relocated discharge to surface or ground water, an increase in the volume or loading of pollutants to receiving water, or capacity to serve a population 30 percent greater than the existing population. Further, it is not contrary to any state or regional growth plan or strategy; and it is not primarily for the purpose of future development.

Additionally, the available information you provided concerning the proposed action indicates that none of the specific criteria for not granting a CATEX, found in 40 CFR 6.204(b)(1) through (b)(10), are present.

Based on our review, EPA approves the request for the CATEX. Please be reminded that EPA may revoke this CATEX if any of the following conditions occur:

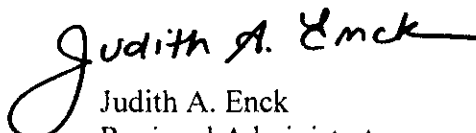
- changes in the proposed action render it ineligible for exclusion,
- new evidence indicates that serious local or environmental issues exist, or
- federal, state, or local laws would be violated.

Furthermore, EPA strongly encourages project sponsors to incorporate green practices into all phases of a project, including planning, design, and construction. Such practices can promote sustainable infrastructure, support development of a "green" workforce, and reduce long-term operation and maintenance costs. For your information, we are enclosing a fact sheet that identifies a variety of recommendations that should be given consideration in future projects. EPA hopes to see green practices incorporated as a standard part of future projects in the Village of Saugerties.

This CATEX will be available on the EPA website at <http://www.epa.gov/region02/spmm/r2nepa.htm>.

Should you have any questions regarding this decision, please address them to Grace Musumeci, Chief, Environmental Review Section, at the above address.

Sincerely,

  
Judith A. Enck  
Regional Administrator

Enclosure